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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 3083

QRP-L Digest 3083

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by "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
- 26) [160000] Re: QRP J-38(was QRPacificon Report)
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by "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
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by Vin Santis <vsantis@earthlink.net>
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by Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
- 32) [160006] RE: Crimpers
by "JBCrafts" <jbcraft@adelphia.net>
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by "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
- 39) [160013] RE: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
by "David Hinerman" <WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net>
- 40) [160014] OT: Dollar store organizer find/E-Storm info
by Majority Mike Capt USCENTAF/A5 <mike.majority@SHAW.AF.MIL>
- 41) [160015] Zombie Shuffle tonite!!
by "J. Medley" <jmedley@ix.netcom.com>
- 42) [160016] Re: Manufacturers
by William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
- 43) [160017] Re: Manufacturers & BPL

by Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
44) [160018] Re: Manufacturers & BPL
by Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
45) [160019] RE: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
by <ah7i@atl.org>
46) [160020] AT in PA on Saturday Oct 24
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>
47) [160021] Zombie number
by "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
48) [160022] Re: F.S. DSWII-20
by "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
49) [160023] Zombie number
by "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
50) [160024] iambic paddles
by Stevenu7t@aol.com

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 18:46:00 -0400
From: "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
To: <dale@botkin.org>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159975] Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
Message-ID: <Law9-0E4694N7GwF0wh0000329b@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dale

You owe me a beer. DXCC on 50 mHz has been done - N4CH has well over 100 countries confirmed on that band and has CQ WAZ #1 on that band...

Alan, N3BJ
Bent Mountain

----- Original Message -----

From: "Dale Botkin" <dale@botkin.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 5:05 PM
Subject: Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives

> On Thu, 23 Oct 2003, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

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> > You are speaking to the present. Just how many QRPers are active on
> > the V/UHF bands not counting FM repeater work? Not many today

>
> Correct, because most QRPers are not interested in short range contacts.
> There's a reason we have VUCC and DXCC -- even QRO, how many people have
> ever made DXCC on 50 MHz or above? Bet a beer the number is zero, and
> will continue to be zero for quite some time no matter how many people are
> trying. Long range contacts on high frequencies are simply not going to
> happen just because you're trying harder -- you think the people working
> V/UHF now are not trying for more distance?
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> > but in the future, if they had to use V/UHF as their only outlet for
> > ham radio, there might be the possibility.
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> "Wanna" doesn't overcome physics, unfortunately, or I'd be able to
> teleport.
>
> > As far as geographic location, you gets what you chooses!
>
> Correct, which is why I live where I do. And it wouldn't matter where in
> the US I lived, working most other continents would be nothing but a pipe
> dream without HF. Period. Please feel free to prove me wrong; someone
> please tell me of anyone, ever, who has worked JA, UA, VK, 9A, OM, or even
> OH directly from the continental US on any band above 80 MHz. My point
> is, if VHF or UHF were a viable replacement for HF DX, many of us would be
> using it. I could get rid of all that pesky wire used for antennas.
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> 73,
> Dale - N0XAS
> --
> It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
> NEW PicoKeyer kit w/PCB and all parts - <http://www.hamgadgets.com>
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Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 15:48:44 -0700
From: Bob W7AVK <rsrolfne@atnet.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159976] 56K MODEM
Message-ID: <3F985ACC.5173E712@atnet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good Day All - Just got onto broad band cable so the US Robotics
"Sportster" 56 K MODEM is no longer needed. Works great! Comes with
the original book, CD, and installation material.

Best offer plus postage from 98837.

Thanks,

73 Bob W7AVK

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 16:17:10 -0700
From: Paul Maciel <ak1p@earthlink.net>
To: k7qo@commspeed.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159977] Re: Incoming DX buro for 7-land
Message-ID: <3F986176.7090806@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Chuck,

Looks like the guy you need to talk with is Mike Huey W7ZI.

Check out <<http://www.wvdx.org/buro.html>>

---Paul AK1P

Chuck Adams wrote:

>
> Any one in this group getting their DX cards through the ARRL
> DX buro in 7-land? Inquiring minds want to know. I check the
> web page for the buro and I don't see the Qs listed.
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> TIA,
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> Chuck Adams K7QO k7qo@commspeed.net
> <http://www.qsl.net/k7qo> CP-60
>
> Moving to Arizona? Please bring your own water.
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 00:39:00 +0100

From: "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
"Piggies-L" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [159978] RE: SW40+ RIT
Message-ID: <019c01c399be\$d6dab800\$5e5e4b43@puntana.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang.
Thank you very much to all of you that answered requirement posting to the
list or privately.
With the info you sent me it's sure my SW-40+ will have RIT.
72
Juan - KG4FSN

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 21:02:05 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
From: "Tim O'Rourke" <w4yn@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159979] OT: HIFE Batteries New TT V-Beam
Message-ID: <32659930.1066957326616.JavaMail.root@fozzie.psp.pas.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone know a source for HIFE Aviation Batteries?
I noticed Ten Tech has a V beam advertised in latest QST .
Anyone had experience with this type of antenna?
Tim O'Rourke W4YN

Tim O'Rourke
W4YN@ARRL.Net

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 18:13:36 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jeff Furman <jfurman@ocs.net>
To: Randy Moore <wrmoore47@comcast.net>, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159980] RE: Manhattan construction woes :-(
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0310231723040.17446-100000@ocs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Randy, I didn't see a similar reply on the digest, so I'll add a little

bit: as I connect additional leaded components to a common node, I relieve the springiness of the added component, by bending both the leads of the new component, after both ends are tacked down. The first end is no problem, but, the second end needs to be held to the position of the joint until the solder cools (here, the eutectic alloy 63/37 helps reduce the incidence of the cold, fractured looking joints better than 60/40.) Now bend both leads simultaneously, so the wire takes a permanent set into the soldered position of the joints. This eliminates the spring stress for the new leads, and now, additional leads may be added to the joints by repeating this process without the existing leads flying apart as the solder fuses. Metals will behave as springs for small deflections, but will take a permanent set for larger deflections, small and larger vary for different materials, (think of wire solder versus copper wire versus steel wire as examples.) This method of wiring (without intermediate pads or lugs was was called 'haywire' style after (here's the urban or rural legend coming:) the farmer's use of the copper plated steel bailing wire for fixing electrical stuff on the farm in an ugly arrangement. I can usually directly construct a circuit just by looking at the circuit diagram. The element of practice is important, too-- after some dozens or hundreds of joints, (a few projects) it seems natural. A famous engineer at National Semiconductor, named Bob Pease, uses this method of prototype construction because the parasitics of the neat breadboard connection gadgets are absent. There may be some photos of his breadboards on the web. Jim Williams, of Linear Technology, uses this same breadboard scheme, also.

73, Jeff AD6MX

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 21:36:22 -0400
From: <bill@n4qa.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159981] How did I know that Hector was using a 'transceiver pre-amp' ?
Message-ID: <000701c399cf\$3cb9dec0\$dc25ad80@f1n5n8>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

About the time that Ellie and I were finishing up a little nap in the La-Z-Boy today at 2230 UTC, out of the very quiet receiver of the IC-703 came a very loud CW CQ from Hector, KP4HLR in Puerto Rico on 28059 kHz. We sprang out of the chair and dashed to the rig to answer the call. I had noticed something peculiar about the sound of Hector's rig from the start but I didn't give it a whole lot of thought.

During the course of our QSO, Hector mentioned that his rig was the Ten-Tec Century/21 CW-only transceiver.

I still have my C/21 which I bought new in 1980 from a dealer down in Roanoke, Virginia...about 40 miles northeast of here.

It was my first CW rig having real QSK...yes, that 'legendary Ten-Tec QSK' :)

The C/21's direct-conversion receiver is susceptible to out-of-band SWBC QRM etc, especially on the 40 meter band at local nighttime.

Its sensitivity really drops off on fifteen and ten meters so I use an old Ameco PT-3 external 'transceiver preamp' with it on those bands.

Since the PT-3 uses an rf-sensing t/r circuit, complete with changeover relay and adjustable 'semi break-in' delay, the first element of the first character transmitted... each occurrence of the relay coil being energized when switching from receive to transmit...gets truncated by the amount of time that elapses, from the instant the keyline is grounded to the point in time when the relay's transmit contacts 'make'.

Of course, all elements of characters sent while the relay remains in the 'transmit' condition, are fully (and, beautifully, I might add) formed.

I used to wonder how that initial relay closure must sound to my QSO partner on his/her distant receiver.

This evening, I heard it loud and 'clear'.

This is not a criticism of how Hector's signal sounded...only an observation. My C/21 must sound exactly like Hector's when I'm working 15 or 10 meters, using the necessary help from the PT-3.

This phenomenon may be heard using a local separate receiver as a monitor, but it's not quite the same as coming 'over-the-air'.

Without the external pre-amp, the C/21's emitted CW is just beautiful. If only the stock receiver sensitivity didn't require the use of the external pre-amp for the higher hf bands. True, there are mods for the receiver section of the C/21 out there...

Oh! and the C/21's receiver recovery characteristics...MARVELOUS! I can hear someone breaking me with even a single 'dit' between my transmitted 'dits' of a character when I send, for example, the letter 's', at speeds of less than 20 wpm or so. At around 40 wpm, I can still be 'broke'('broken'?) between characters(letters, numerals etc).

THIS, my friends, is 'legendary Ten-Tec QSK'.

QSK...it may not be enjoyable for everyone...but for this ol' boy, it is truly wonderful.

73.

Bill, N4QA

<http://www.n4qa.com>

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 22:21:02 -0400

From: "Paul Womble" <pwomble@earthlink.net>

To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
<fpqrp-1@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [159982] QRP at the Tampa Bay hamfest
Message-ID: <00a601c399d5\$78fd5d20\$6401a8c0@house>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Is there any interest in getting together for a QRP lunch on Saturday at the Tampa Bay hamfest?

Hamfest info:

<http://www.fgcarc.org>

Paul K4FB

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 20:53:24 -0500
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, "FPigs" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [159983] Here Little Piggie
Message-ID: <00f101c399d1\$9cb79f40\$4a78da0c@mchsi.com>

Well, I haven't invited anyone out to play for awhile so lets see who's around.
K3ESE, K0UU, VE3FAL, W5KDJ have all been good signals here tonight.
Anybody else around ??

It's 02:23 now and I'm hanging in the usual spot on 7.044

Stop by and say howdy

72 es oo Jerry NOJRN
FP # 546, ARS # 923, ARCI # 11049, ARRL,
Springfield, Mo. MP + #8

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 21:07:02 -0600
From: Tim Groat <tcgroat@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [159984] Re: Why Part 15 isn't enough (was: bpl)
Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.2.20031023202247.00a0f0b0@mail.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Your comment about point sources vs. distributed noise is on the money!

The original motivation behind Part 15 (and CISPR, etc.) regulations was protection of broadcast receivers and television sets in urban areas. In other words, they were written to protect strong signals. The protection ratio was supposed to be something like 40dB signal to interference ratio in primary coverage areas; 10uV/m interference to a 1mV/m signal. [This data is my recollection of a presentation I attended many years ago--I've been trying to find a copy of the handout, but it's AWOL.]

The point is that protection of QRP and weak DX signals was never a consideration for these regulations. When the regulations were written, Part 15 digital devices meant big, expensive computers in the business district, not a PC in every home. Interference was unlikely to affect widespread areas, so relatively modest regulations were effective under those conditions.

Fast forward to today. There's a PC, digital cable or satellite TV decoder, VCR, microwave oven, cordless phone, etc. in every house on the block. Every one of these appliances has at least one digital clock generating spurious emissions. Luckily, the highest emissions are the harmonics of these clocks... you can choose a frequency to avoid worst of it. It's getting pretty noisy out there, but not it's impossible to use radio gear. Yet. You won't realize how bad it really is until you operate from a quiet QTH far from the city and suburbs.

Advance to the brave new BPL world of tomorrow. Every outlet in every house connects to a potent noise generator. Not only have the emissions levels increased, but their broad band character ensures that all frequencies are clobbered. There's no clear spot to run for, there's no where to hide. It's not a pretty place.

72,
--Tim (KR0U)

>Peter Burbank <peterlee@qx.net>:

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>I have been wondering about this aspect for the last few days. If part 15
>was written considering a "point source" and considering the
>subsequent fall off of intensity over distance, it may have never have
>occurred to the original authors of the rules that an all
>pervasive antenna could create an enormous problem. Somewhere I read a
>QRP operator recommending "Antennas,Antennas,Antennas".

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 03:28:57 +0000
From: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>
To: n4xy@earthlink.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [159985] Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
Message-ID: <Law15-F27N5NTN1FjQA0002a63c@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Okay, you do not like VHF/UHF. Nothing under several thousand miles is not DX in your book. Fine, but do not make blanket statements which do not hold water. I have had QSO in the past on 2m SSB from Va. to eastern Canada nightly while running 10 watts from a Kenwood TS700 to 7 elements at 30 feet. Every night, at all times of the year. True, that aint that far, but someone was there to answer each and every CQ. Yes, AMSAT has had its problems in the past keeping the birds working, but several are usable.

I admit, it isn't like sitting down and having a 30 min. QSO with somebody on a small island in the South Pacific, but its still radio and in my book its fun.

What is the death of radio to you, is a new beginning to others. So keep the negative to yourself.

Temperature is dropping, so back to the cave.

73, Bill kc4atu

>From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
>Reply-To: n4xy@earthlink.net
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
>Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 18:16:52 -0400
>

>Ah but the point is that I personally do not consider non-DX contacts to be
>nearly as much fun as DX. At least, not on a steady diet. The satellites we
>presently have are little more than a joke. Can you do it. Oh sure. Can you
>hear Montgomery, AL 2M FM from Atlanta, GA... sure. Once. Once in 40+ years
>of ham radio. I imagine that if one were to hang on every wisp of VHF
>bands, always looking for that sort of propagation you could maybe do it
>several times a month. And no doubt there's a good bit of tropo-ducting
>possible-especially in the Winter. IF somebody's at the other end, go for
>it. But that's the problem isn't it. Goodie. ALL the satellites in orbit

>now useable on something less than the 435MHz/1.2GHz/2.4GHz/24GHz are many
>years past their useful lives. Apparently, with a BPL implementation, DX
>will become a cross-town HF QSO at 1000W out to a Yagi. No thanks.

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>And do not lecture folks on what they've never done Bill. The week Phase
>III failed, I sold one of the only 2.4GHz/1.2GHz/435 Hi-Power Icom rigs in
>the US. I still have an 8 antenna 96-element-each F9FT Yagi-Array; a 2.4GHz
>4 antenna 28 (?-I forget... it's in the 20s) element-each loop array; and
>one of the surplus 2.4GHz dishes. But no Phase III-D worth mentioning on
>VHF just did it for me. I know it wasn't a full-pay ride, but when the
>French destroy most of your satellite's capabilities, they could at least
>be sorry for it.

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>It isn't a matter of what you've done. It's what you WANT to do-and what
>you consider fun when doing it. Grid-squares does sound like fun. But it
>isn't the kind of thing to me DX-especially QRP DX is. Plain and simple.

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>73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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>Ed Tanton N4XY

>189 Pioneer Trail

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>website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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>All emails <IN> & <OUT> checked by

>Norton AntiVirus with AutoProtect

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>LM: ARRL QCWA AMSAT & INDEXA;

>SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI

>OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

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>"He that gives up a little liberty to gain

>temporary security will lose both and

>deserve neither".

>--Benjamin Franklin

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>"Suppose you were an idiot ...

>and suppose you were a member of

>Congress... but I repeat myself."

>--Mark Twain

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online from McAfee.

<http://clinic.mcafee.com/clinic/ibuy/campaign.asp?cid=3963>

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 20:54:00 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159986] Re: Fwd: Solar Superstorm-p.s.
Message-ID: <20031024035400.GA1457@oz.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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CNN just had a bit saying the flare today could cause equivalent
problems starting tomorrow (just in time for the Zombie Shuffle and
CQWW). Let's hope that it was a misreading of the report about 1859!

73, Bob N7XY

On Thu, Oct 23, 2003 at 06:43:30PM -0400, Ed Tanton wrote:
> Go give this a read... it is more about the solar storm of 1859. I had no
> idea this had happened in 1859. Telegraph wires shorted out & auroras were
> seen as far south as Cuba. It's really interesting.
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> 73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>
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> Ed Tanton N4XY
> 189 Pioneer Trail
> Marietta, GA 30068-3466
>
> website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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Bob Nielsen, N7XY
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<http://www.n7xy.net>

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 21:01:00 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159987] Re: Incoming DX buro for 7-land

Message-ID: <20031024040100.GB1457@oz.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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On Thu, Oct 23, 2003 at 11:43:39PM +0100, Chuck Adams wrote:

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> Any one in this group getting their DX cards through the ARRL
> DX buro in 7-land? Inquiring minds want to know. I check the
> web page for the buro and I don't see the Qs listed.

I have signed up for quarterly mailings and they have missed a couple of times over the past 3 years. I last got a mailing in early July and should have received one this month, but possibly my sorter wasn't at their last meeting.

Only a few of the letters of the alphabet have web access to the information (not X either).

73,
Bob, N7XY

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2003 22:17:46 -0700 (PDT)
From: Tom Severt <n2uhc@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159988] Re: Iambic paddles?
Message-ID: <20031024051746.3019.qmail@web9608.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Tom Severt N2UHC
<http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 0:25:23 -0500
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
To: "qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
Subject: [159989] Winter FOX Web page UP!!
Message-ID: <4120031052452523174@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Gang:

The title says it all--the Winter 2003-2004 web page is up and running. You can find the schedule and other pertinent information at www.cqc.org/fox . Thanks to everyone who has been working thus far to get the upcoming season together. Takes lots of folks, including the FOXes themselves.....and all the hunters [g] to make a successful FOX season.

NOTE: the season begins next Tuesday evening. So dust off your paddles, tweak up your 40 metre antennas, turn your power to 5 watts or less--and let's go have some fun. GL for a great season, everyone.

Hmmm....just wondering--who will be the first person to get into a FOX log this time? Hmmm.

73,

--Doc/K0EVZ for the FOX committee: Tom N1TP Lloyd K3ESE Bruce VE5RC
Marshall N1FN and FOX dean emeritus Chuck Adams K7Q0

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 06:54:48 -0400
From: ae5x@netscape.net (John Harper AE5X)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [159990] CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
Message-ID: <2F7CA83A.0677269C.00003ABB@netscape.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/10/23/solar.forecast/index.html>

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John Harper AE5X
80 Meter DXing & Outdoor QRP: <http://www.ae5x.com>

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 07:25:55 -0400
From: Radioham <radioham@comcast.net>
To: NoVaQRP@topica.com, NJQRP <njqrp@njqrp.org>,
QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159991] New Tokyo Hy-Power HT-750s
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20031024072228.00b505e0@mail.comcast.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Anyone looking for a new HT-750, here is the latest from Japan:

Hi,
HT-750 is now in stock. Plz refer to the attached info.
73,
Nobuki, JA1DJW

TOKYO HY-POWER LAB., INC.
1-1 Hatanaka 3chome, Niiza Saitama 352-0012
JAPAN
Phone: 048-481-1211 FAX: 048-479-6949
e-mail : info@thp.co.jp
Web : <http://www.thp.co.jp>

October 19, 2003

Dear OM & YL,

Re : Tokyo Hy-Power HT-750 & Accessory

Thank you for waiting long, ladies and gentlemen. .

We are pleased to inform you that HT-750 , HF H/H, is now ready to ship.=20

This time we have run just 100 sets only , of which half the quantity went=
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to South China for the application of jungle patrol for drug plantation as=
=20

well as watching smugglers , hi,=85.

We are a little bit proud of this fact that our =93toy=94 radio is in use=
for=20

commercial application in the rest of the world and in China. We have had=20
hard time in not only resetting manufacturing tools once again for this=20
production but also procuring discontinued semiconductor components. Now=20
we would like to ship balance of 50 sets to US amateur customers who have=20
been patiently waiting for a long time since spring time .

Due to the high cost of once discontinued parts and recent sudden currency=
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exchange rate

.problem (Jap Yen being appreciated over US Dollar by 10%), we are sorry=
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that we have to raise prices a little bit compared to the past quotation.)

For the antennas, we still have original 6m antenna (HA-1LT rod plus 6m=20
HA-06LB base coil) , but for 40m and 15m. Replacement is a center loading,=
=20

collapsible antenna with TNC plug (not BNC). For the purchase of this=20
center loading one, we offer you a free adapter, BNC-P/ TNC-J .

Regarding the external speaker mike and leather soft case, our stock is=20
almost to run out with quantity of 8 pcs each.

Pricing :

1. HT-750 with English manual @US\$519.95 (Shipping/handling \$30.00=20
) Total: \$549.95

2. Antennas

a. 6m antenna (HA-06LB + HA-1LT) @\$36.00

b. 15m antenna, HA-15HG @\$38.00

c. 40m antenna, HA-40HG @\$38.00

* Shipping cost for all antennas is \$20.00 *

** Shipping cost for HT-750 plus all antennas is \$37.00 ***

3 . Others

a. HSM-750, external speaker/mike @\$40.00 (while stock lasts.)

b. HLC-750, leather soft case @\$36.00 (while stock lasts.=

)

* Shipping cost for each item is \$10.00 *

** Shipping cost for two items all together with HT-750 plus all antennas=20
are \$45.00** .

Note: Shipping will be made by way of EMS (registered speed parcel to=20

door . Independent shipping of antennas and others will be by normal air=20
mail) Payment may be by VISA/Master cards. (Also international money=20
order is accepted.)

Sincerely & 73=92es ,

Nobuki, JA1DJW
General Manager, International Sales

Steve, N4EUK

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 08:37:31 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: kc4atu@hotmail.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
hoakey@btconnect.com, dale@botkin.org
Subject: [159992] Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
Message-ID: <3F991D0B.BF172F99@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 09:01:34 -0400
From: Lee Mairs <lmairs@direcway.com>
To: n2uhc@yahoo.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159993] Re: Iambic paddles?
Message-ID: <020f01c39a2e\$f8eb01f0\$3b6d020a@boomer>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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73 de Lee
KM4YY/8

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 1:17 AM
Subject: Re: Iambic paddles?

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 07:05:46 -0600
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.us>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159994] Re: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
Message-ID: <008801c39a2f\$8a909f20\$6501a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

Am I missing something? The news media is really milking this CME event. Where were they a year or two ago when X class flares common. Is the sky really falling this time? Will we see destruction of a biblical proportion? Will life on earth as we know it cease?

I don't think so. At worst the Zombie shuffle will be a bust due to a G3 maybe a G4 storm.

But I could be wrong, so I'm hiding in the basement, with aluminum foil duct taped to the walls. I be fine I have plenty of water.... TIC :-)

73, Rod N0RC

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Harper AE5X" <ae5x@netscape.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 4:54 AM
Subject: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today

> <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/10/23/solar.forecast/index.html>
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 08:18:06 -0500 (CDT)
From: Dale Botkin <dale@botkin.org>
To: QRP list <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159995] Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0310240810420.32176-100000@madmax.botkin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Beers cheerfully provided, FOB my shack. 8-)

Guys, honest to Maxim, I'm not knocking VHF or UHF operation, satellites, weak signal or anything else. But I'm here to tell you it's not anything even remotely similar to 40/30/20/15, not even close. And I can pretty much count on the fact that if US hams are forced off HF due to pervasive BPL noise, the number of DX (OK, make that read, "Non-US/Canada") stations you're going to find will be a very small fraction of what you find right now on HF. Many will not have the money or inclination to "upgrade" and any living on non-BPL-infested areas simply won't care much. So just saying BPL is fine, who needs HF, we'll just move to 2 meters and above and be fine is just plain incorrect and naive.

72,
Dale - N0XAS

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It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
NEW PicoKeyer kit w/PCB and all parts - <http://www.hamgadgets.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 13:21:53 +0000
From: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>
To: w6toy@erols.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [159996] Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives
Message-ID: <Law15-F150YJV12DpGf0000e3c5@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Bruce, yes you are correct. I still get excited about communicating over the air ways. Weather it is 10 miles or 10 thousand, its all fun. The why some people have lost the excitement is sad. So much more than just the HF honor roll. For those who have lost the excitement, give two seven year olds a pair of family service radios and watch the fun as they run around going nuts with excitement at talking over a radio. THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE LOST AND NEED TO FIND. It is that loss which is killing this hobby.

Back to the cave and the excited grandkids.

73, BILL KC4ATU

>From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

>To: kc4atu@hotmail.com

>CC: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,

> hoakey@btconnect.com, dale@botkin.org

>Subject: Re: Influencing Your Elected Representatives

>Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 08:37:31 -0400

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 06:33:30 -0700 (PDT)
From: Lee Boulineau <n4mvl@yahoo.com>
To: pwomble@earthlink.net,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159997] Re: QRP at the Tampa Bay hamfest
Message-ID: <20031024133330.93874.qmail@web21204.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

I plan on being there, if my crazy job doesn't get in
the way!!!

N4MVL

--- Paul Womble <pwomble@earthlink.net> wrote:
> Is there any interest in getting together for a QRP
> lunch on Saturday at
> the Tampa Bay hamfest?
>
> Hamfest info:
>
> <http://www.fgcarc.org>
>
>
> Paul K4FB
>

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 08:48:00 -0500
From: "Boulineau, Lee" <lee.boulineau@attws.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159998] RE: Iambic paddles?
Message-ID: <3CD5FC1B2837DC46BC77FDDF187C26E3149D66@tx-msg07-ccc.wireless.attws.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
content-class: urn:content-classes:message

To add to Lee's comments, make sure that you try out the paddles while =
you are seated!! You want to get a feel for the paddles while you are in =
a position similar to your operating position.....

N4MVL "The other Lee"

-----Original Message-----
From: Lee Mairs [mailto:lmairs@direcway.com]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 8:02 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: Iambic paddles?

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 09:57:41 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159999] 15m open -for now...
Message-ID: <001901c39a36\$cb0f60c0\$34c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

just worked RA, G4, DL on 15m so it's holding up under the
CME -so far at least.

73
seab
aa1my

Seabury & Sharon Lyon
99 Sparrowhawk Mtn Rd
Bethel ME, 04217 U.S.A.
207-836-2576

Virus Protection by Norton and ZoneAlarm

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 07:05:36 -0700
From: "Russ White" <nf7v@cox.net>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160000] Re: QRP J-38(was QRPacificon Report)
Message-ID: <002a01c39a37\$e61069e0\$0200a8c0@whitehouse>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Also, Page 47 (lower right) of Nov. QST.

Russ nf7v
Avondale, Arizona

----- Original Message -----
From: "Steve Smith" <sigcom@juno.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 11:05 AM
Subject: QRP J-38(was QRPacificon Report)

> Knowing my interest in telegraph keys, my buddy Mike WA6MER grabbed one
> of Lee's cards and brought it back from Pacificon for me. Here's the
> URL:
>
> <http://qrpj38.com/>
>
>
> 73.....Steve Smith WB6TNL
> Oxnard, CA USA
> "Snort Rosin"
>
>
> On Thu, 23 Oct 2003 09:16:19 -0700 "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dpol.net>
> writes:
> > Dave, I don't have a web address for Lee's keys, don't even know if
> > there is
> > one. This was his first attempt at selling them. They are works of
> > art,
> > and there is a lot of hand work. Maybe someone who bought one can
> > post a
> > picture to a web page somewhere. I do know that they cost \$100.
> >

> > Also, Doug Hauff of American Morse products had a very neat leg
> > strap mount
> > for his paddles. It was \$19.95 I believe. Check his web page for
> > the
> > paddles at www.americanmorse.com 72, Doug
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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 10:11:30 -0400
From: "Thomas Lewis" <thomas_h_lewis@msn.com>
To: pwomble@earthlink.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160001] Re: QRP at the Tampa Bay hamfest
Message-ID: <BAY5-F39ZZTHfyQgeDK00000141@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I'm in. Will help however I can.

Tom Lewis
K4THL
Lantana, FL

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 09:23:29 -0500
From: "Merton Nellis" <mertnellis@msn.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160002] FOX 28 oCT
Message-ID: <BAY3-F14Ntxy0ipr6j600012e24@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Greetings Hounds,
This is a reminder that the Winter FOX HUNT starts on Tues., 28 Oct at

2000CST. It is a two hour hunt from 0200-0400 UTC 29 Oct. W5KDJ, Wayne will be near 7.038 Mhz working UP and W0UFO, Mert will be near 7.042 working UP.

Remember the procedure? The following is an example:

Initial call at 0200 UTC

CQ FOX DE W0UFO W0UFO FOX UP2 K

Send your call once or twice around 2 Khz up....then listen.

The Fox will respond to whoever he can copy...maybe KOMAX

KOMAX UR 559 MN MERT 5W KOMAX BK

If KOMAX copies he answers

R TU UR 559 MN MAX 5W BK

If W0UFO copies he acknowledges with

R TU

And listens to the pack for another call.

OR, if necessary asks for a fill

OR periodically will say

R TU DE W0UFO FOX UP2

For about the last 1/2 hour of the hunt, when calls thin out, we will take calls near or on our freq.

but initially, please split and spread out a bit so we can make more contacts.

Thank you.

Please be patient and have FUN. We hope to hand out a lot of pelts.

BCNU in the Hunt.

73/72 Mert and Wayne

w0ufo@arrl.net

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 09:41:56 -0500
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "FPigs" <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>
Subject: [160003] Sitten on your key?
Message-ID: <004601c39a3c\$f991c0e0\$4a78da0c@mchsi.com>

Well, whoever is sitten on their key, they've moved up to 28.075.3 this morning.

10 mtrs is also opened this morning if anyone is interested.

Activity is low but propagation beacons are going strong. The stuck key guy is 579 here in MO. this morning.

BTW Jim: (W0EB) you want to see if we can hack out that 15 meter contact this morning?? Seems like we may have a good shot at it.

As far as 15 is concerned, I still need AL. GA. KY. & MS. for a 5 band WAS. Anybody around down there this morning??

72 / 73 Jerry N0JRN

FP # 546, 4SQRP, ARS # 923, ARCI # 11049, ARRL, Springfield, Mo. MP + #8

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 10:57:23 -0400
From: Vin Santis <vsantis@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP List (E-mail)" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "Tentec (E-mail)" <tentec@contesting.com>
Subject: [160004] Crimpers
Message-ID: <01C39A1D.AD696340.vsantis@earthlink.net>

Hi,

Does anyone use a crimping tool for PL-259 connectors? If so, what has your experience been and what crimper would you suggest?

Thanks,

Vince Santis, N1VS
Winsted, CT
vsantis@earthlink.net

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Version: 6.0.530 / Virus Database: 325 - Release Date: 10/22/03

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 11:25:16 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160005] Apology
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031024112353.034b1d48@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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189 Pioneer Trail
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OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 11:42:21 -0400
From: "JBCrafts" <jbcraft@adelphia.net>

To: <vsantis@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160006] RE: Crimpers
Message-ID: <AGEJJBFLPLHMOECFDINOAEGMDKAA.jbcraft@adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yes, I use a crimper for my connectors... I use the RATCHETING type that has the larger hex shaped and a smaller hex shaped as well as a center pin crimp...

I crimp F, BNC, TNC, SMA, and UHF with it.

73 de Bob K8YS

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Flying Pig QRP #78
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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 08:54:28 -0700 (PDT)
From: Tom Severt <n2uhc@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160007] Re: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
Message-ID: <20031024155428.95320.qmail@web9605.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Rod N0RC <rod@n0rc.us> wrote:
> Folks,
>
> Am I missing something? The news media is really

> milking this CME event.

The media love to sensationalize stuff like this.
Remember how terrible Y2K was going to be?

=====

Tom Sevart N2UHC
<http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>

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<http://shopping.yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 12:06:20 -0400
From: "Thomas Lewis" <thomas_h_lewis@msn.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160008] Ft. Smith Sidekick (SW+)
Message-ID: <BAY5-F39EwLqJrfP6nm00000819@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I'm stuck temporarily living in an apartment (for about 6 mos.) so no operating. So, I pulled out the Ft. Smith Sidekick I built last year.

As built, I get about 40 kHz of tuning range - just as advertised. By adding additional capacitors in parallel with C8 (total 332pf) I've increased the tuning range to just over 150 kHz. The instructions with the SW+30 warn of approaching 1000pf. This has reduced the lower limit of the L.O. to about 2,900 kHz or about 100 kHz below the target. So, before I remove L1 and start removing turns to raise the L.O.:

1. The whole thing seems to easy. Am I missing something? Am I compromising performance somewhere I'm not seeing?
2. I used NPO capacitors supplied with this kit and my SW+30 (for C7). Any reason to remove the (3) caps I have in parallel and buy a single cap to do the job?

A second issue with the Sidekick. Shouldn't the SW+ band-pass filter including C40 and RFC3 be included at the antenna input? Could someone tell me the windings and core info for the 40 meter rig. Also, I built it so I could play with all those little 40 meter transmitters I see in the literature. So shouldn't I just include the entire T-R Switch including

C-40, RFC-3, and D7,8,9,&10?

Now that I've spent some time with this rig I think I may end up with a nice 40 Meter receiver.

Tom
K4THL

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 09:14:29 -0700
From: "Bill Jones" <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160009] Re: Sitten on your key?
Message-ID: <003d01c39a49\$f0038b00\$976aadcf@RadioRoom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

He is a solid S-7 in central California. I show him at 28,074.68 kHz.

=====
Bill Jones KD7S <><
<http://www.psnw.com/~kd7s>
Sanger, California

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 7:41 AM
Subject: Sitten on your key?

> Well, whoever is sitten on their key, they've moved up to
> 28.075.3 this morning.

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 12:23:30 -0400
From: Peter Burbank <peterlee@qx.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160010] Re: Apology

Message-ID: <5.2.0.9.0.20031024121507.00a13ec0@mail.qx.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Ed, Nuthin to apologize about.....plenty in the present situation to get
riled up about.

73

Pete NV4V

At 11:25 AM 10/24/2003, Ed Tanton wrote:

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 16:49:37 +0000
From: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160011] MANASSAS BPL & THE ARRL
Message-ID: <Law15-F11T5ZskHapuf0002cd75@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Check the ARRL web site for the latest on the Manassas Va. BPL and the ARRL notice sent to all parties.

73, Bill kc4atu

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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 13:16:29 -0400
From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
"drake" <drake@mailman.qth.net>,
Subject: [160012] Manassas News Article
Message-ID: <05c301c39a52\$90861d10\$6400a8c0@n3drk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This coming monday there will be an article in the Potomac News by reporter Sari Kreiger. She will cover the effects of BPL toward other radio services including ours. She has spoken to David Sumner on numerous occasions since her first article and has viewed the ARRL Video Files on BPL. Prior to her first article she did not view the files. She told me she has received literally hundreds of emails from hams all across the country. So check it out this monday by going to the Potomac News website at www.potomacnews.com

73's
john

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 13:28:34 -0400

From: "David Hinerman" <WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [160013] RE: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
Message-ID: <000001c39a54\$40616180\$7a032a0a@nyroc.ametek.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> > Am I missing something? The news media is really
> > milking this CME event.
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Tom,

Not to mention the occasional asteroid pass. I think the various media outlets are competing for the right to say "World Ends Tomorrow - And We Reported It First!"

Boy, just imagine the meteor scatter you'll get on VHF when The Big One hits the atmosphere!

Dave

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 14:36:28 -0400
From: Majority Mike Capt USCENTAF/A5 <mike.majority@SHAW.AF.MIL>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [160014] OT: Dollar store organizer find/E-Storm info
Message-ID: <1670E8C1DAFD5C4786EFACFDC5E0B15E01A56C9F@ssc-ms-fsvlsb09.shaw.af.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

While at lunch today stopped in the local Dollar Store and found the following:

1. Plastic 3-tray organizers with the slide-in trays roughly 4"x8"x12" - \$5 each
2. Small plastic trays about 2"x4"x6" - \$1 for set of 3
3. Small plastic stacking bins (~ 8"x6"x10") with the low cutout in the front (can reach in while stacked) - \$1 each
4. Rubber "Shelf liner" padding ("toolbox liner" for me), 12"x5' - \$2 per roll (might not be good for static-sensitive stuff)
5. Small pink plastic wand that flashes LEDs and makes varied noises when

you push the button - \$2

NOTE: No financial connection to Dollar Store, just like cheap finds that serve their purpose.

I'm sure nobody else has an "organizationally challenged" shack/shop like mine, but I plan on putting the storage stuff to good use for pool parts, lawn sprinkler parts, electrical parts, plumbing parts, hardware, and maybe even some radio stuff (nah, will leave that on the desk!). The wand? Maybe I'll play in the Zombie Shuffle and celebrate each QSO with it.

Storm info - This came in on the Emergency Email Network:

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ALL STATIONS BE AWARE THAT A POSSIBLE STRONG GEOMAGNETIC STORM IS HEADED TOWARDS THE EARTH AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH EARTH FRIDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 24, 2003. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF OUTAGES AND INTERRUPTIONS OF CELL PHONE AND PAGER SERVICE BECAUSE OF ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE. SATELLITES ARE ALSO VERY VULNERABLE TO SOLAR ACTIVITY. SOLAR ACTIVITY IS RATED ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WITH 5 BEING THE MOST INTENSE. THE STORM APPROACHING IS EXPECTED TO BE A 3, OR MODERATE.

For more general information visit...

<http://www.emergencyemail.org/solar2003oct.html>

THE EMERGENCY EMAIL & WIRELESS NETWORK <http://www.emergencyemail.org/>

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72,
Mike, N4VBV in South Carolina

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 12:43:26 -0600
From: "J. Medley" <jmedley@ix.netcom.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160015] Zombie Shuffle tonite!!
Message-ID: <3F9972CE.DB926468@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey folks, the Zombie Shuffle is tonite. Come join us for a howling good time!

72, Jan N0QT
Withchess and Grand Zombie #015

Rules and Summary Sheet are available at
www.geocities.com/n0qt/index.html

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 12:44:40 -0600
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160016] Re: Manufacturers
Message-ID: <20031024.124440.-492595.1.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

On page 10 of the Nov QST is a listing
thru late Sept of companies, organizations and
companies helping with the BPL and Spectrum
Defense - Elecraft is listed as is NCG, HP/Agilent/Philips
and others. I went to the ARRL.org page to see
if there were other U.S. manufacturers like MFJ,
SGC, Belden, etc but didn't find the listing. But
they must be there as their livelihood is in peril.

73

Ray

"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be
changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M GQRP 6115
fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 14:49:58 -0400 (EDT)
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
To: tk <gamach1@ispwest.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160017] Re: Manufacturers & BPL
Message-ID: <20031024144804.N30514-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 23 Oct 2003, tk wrote:

>

> Where are the voice\$ of the QST advertisers on the BPL issue ?

Mayhaps they are mumbling quietly in the background....or geraing up to sell BPL terminals (g).

One would thinl QRP advertisers would be VERY vocal....even just as indication that they support concerns of their customer base.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com	Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster
http://www.baltimoremd.com/	Baltimore's Home Page
http://www.baltimorehon.com/	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
http://www.zerobeat.net	Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList
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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 14:54:10 -0400 (EDT)
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
To: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160018] Re: Manufacturers & BPL
Message-ID: <20031024145143.K30514-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 23 Oct 2003, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

> Since nearly all of them are in Japan, and we are only one customer in
> the barrel, perhaps they don't care about loosing us! Now, I ask you,
> where is the voice of Elecraft. It seems to me that they have their
> survival at stake, unlike the Japanese companies.

It's even more distressing that discussions of BPL and its ramifications are discouraged on their list.

Maybe we're all concerned over nothing...if the people who depend on QRP for their livelihood don't protect it...well, it's been a nice run.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com	Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster
http://www.baltimoremd.com/	Baltimore's Home Page
http://www.baltimorehon.com/	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
http://www.zerobeat.net	Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList
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Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 15:24:47 -0400 (EDT)
From: <ah7i@atl.org>
To: David Hinerman <WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160019] RE: CME due to hit Earth @ 2000Z today
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0310241523110.2329-1000000@localhost.localdomain>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

A solar CME that the earth passes through provides a delightfully different experience...

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> the atmosphere!
>
> Dave
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 16:38:58 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>
To: ".QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160020] AT in PA on Saturday Oct 24
Message-ID: <004201c39a6e\$d9f9e960\$0200a8c0@WB3AAL>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello,

I plan on being out on the Appalachian Trail on October 25, Saturday, around 13:00 UTC until 16:00 UTC.

I am going to try my HB vertical again or a I might be using a G5RV Junior.

Since propagation is bad right now, I am not sure what band I will be on. Look for me on the usual QRP frequencies on 40, 30, 20 or 15 meters.

72 and Thanks,
Ron Polityka
WB3AAL
www.n3epa.org/

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 17:08:25 -0400
From: "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160021] Zombie number
Message-ID: <005901c39a72\$f6e296e0\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy Gang:

After my last computer problem I lost my Zombie number file.

Can someone please direct me to where I can find my number??

Many thanks and see you tonight.

73, Joe W2KJ

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 17:42:36 -0400
From: "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160022] Re: F.S. DSWII-20
Message-ID: <007d01c39a77\$bd743080\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Latest deal fell through. Still available as described below:

>
>
> >
> > Howdy Gang:
> >
> > I have for sale a just-built, like new, full output DSWII-20.
> >
> > This is a really neat little rig, is perfect electronically and
> physically
> > and works like a charm. Comes with manual.
> >
> > Will ship and insure in in CONUS for \$160.
> >
> >
> > 73, Joe W2KJ
> > North Carolina
> > I QRP, therefore I am
> >
> >
> >
>

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:14:39 -0400
From: "Joseph Trombino Jr" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [160023] Zombie number
Message-ID: <009b01c39a7c\$37f178a0\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Please disregard my last request for info on where to find my number.

It was hiding in a little used file:-)

73, Joe W2KJ

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2003 18:19:27 EDT
From: Stevenu7t@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [160024] iambic paddles
Message-ID: <180.2177a2e7.2ccaff6f@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Lee,
Why did you stop ?? Which are the, say, top three in your collection based
on comfort of sending ??
Steve, NU7T

End of QRP-L Digest 3083

